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**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, to page 8, line 3, as follows:**

Hereinafter, the first embodiment of the invention is described with reference to Fig.1 to Fig.8. Fig.1 is a perspective view showing a configuration of an ultrasonic probe according to the first embodiment of the invention; Fig.2 is a cross sectional view showing the configuration of the ultrasonic probe according to the embodiment; Fig.3 is a cross sectional view cut along the line [[A-A]] III-III in Fig.2 showing the configuration of the ultrasonic probe according to the embodiment; and Fig.4 is a cross sectional view cut along the line [[B-B]] IV-IV in Fig.2.